

REMARKS

It is noted that in the office action of November 5, 2002 claims 51-55, 86-91, 95-114, and 129-138 were indicated as being allowed. The rejected claims 21-25 have been cancelled to avoid the necessity of a terminal disclaimer for this application.

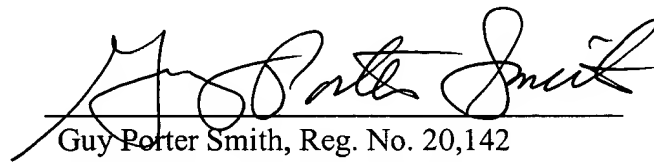
Objected to claims 89, 101 and 129 have been amended to provide the space between the independent claim number and the next word.

It is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance.

A three month extension of time for a small entity to respond to the Office Action is requested. In this regard, please charge our deposit account 16,2230, in the amount of \$460.00 in payment of the extension fees. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Account No. 16-2230.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED UP SET OF THE CLAIMS TO SHOW CHANGES

C¹ 89. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 87 wherein said applicator includes means for ejecting said cassette partially or entirely from said applicator.

C² 101. (Amended) The analyzer disk assembly of claim 51 including means for giving a noise signal when said cassette is securely engaged with said disk.

C³ 129. (Amended) The assembly of claim 51 including wells within said cavity for receiving one or more reagents.